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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. frozen hens and 16-24 lb. toms was mixed, barely steady to mostly steady. Demand very light. Trading slow as buyers few and far between. Offerings adequate to ample. Bulk parts and meats trading was light. Demand light.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading was very light. Buyers cautious and taking a wait and see attitude, except when pricing comes to their terms.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 06, 2003**

| | CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ | | | | FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ | | | OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | VOLUME (000) | WTD AVG | VOLUME (000) | DEL. PER | VOLUME (000) | DEL. PER |
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 60-62 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 59-61 | 59 | 59.00 | 10 | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 59-62 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 58-59 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 57-58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 56-58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 59-61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 59-62 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 58-59 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 57-58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 56-58 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

| WEEK OF FEB 07, 2003 | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 61.00** | 61.00 ** | 60.50 ** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 59.00 | 60.70 ** | 60.00 |
| WESTERN REGION | 60.50 ** | 62.00 | 60.50 ** |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 58.50 ** | 58.50 ** | 57.50 ** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 57.00 | 57.80 ** | 57.38 |
| WESTERN REGION | 57.00 ** | 56.00 | 58.00 ** |

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

| | <u>RANGE</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 96 |
| FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 96 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16# | 65-66 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24# | 63 |
| FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28# | 65-72 |

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

| | <u>RANGE</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| TURKEYS Y HENS | 115-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22# | 115-125 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24# | 115-125 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26# | 115-129 |
| TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER | 115-129 |

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-FEB-2003**

| | (8-16#) | (16-24#) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | <u>HENS</u> | <u>LBS TOMS</u> | <u>LBS</u> |
| | <u>PRICE</u> | <u>(000) PRICE</u> | <u>(000)</u> |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED) | 67.24 | 42 64.00 | 18 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED) | 67.24 | 42 64.00 | 18 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY) | | | |
| SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED) | | | |

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| DECEMBER | 438,750* |
| JANUARY 1-31, 2003 | 444,767* |
| To date 2003 | 444,767* |
| To date 2002 | 487,639* |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | | <u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u> | | <u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u> | |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | | <u>PCT</u> | <u>AVG</u> | <u>OLD</u> | <u>AVG</u> |
| | | <u>CHG</u> | <u>LIVE</u> | <u>BANDED</u> | <u>LIVE</u> |
| <u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u> | <u>PW</u> | | <u>WT</u> | <u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u> | <u>WT</u> |
| N EAST | 703 | -1 | 21.03 | (A) | 704 21.03 |
| SATL | 807 | 53 | 30.08 | (A) | 808 30.08 |
| N CENT | 2,100 | 2 | 32.98 | (A) | 2,101 32.98 |
| S CENT | 430 | -4 | 21.35 | (A) | 431 21.35 |
| WEST | 366 | 13 | 22.52 | (A) | 367 22.52 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,406(B) | 8 | 28.54 | 5 | 4,411 28.54 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | |
| 2003 | 20,673(B) | | | 52 | 20,725 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | |
| 2002 | 20,969(B) | | | 36 | 21,005 |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000; for the year 273,000; last year to date 174,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 01-Feb-2003

| | <u>YOUNG</u> | | <u>YOUNG</u> | <u>OLD</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| | <u>HENS</u> | <u>TOMS</u> | <u>BREEDERS</u> | | |
| | <u>THOUSANDS</u> | | | | |
| HEAD | 1,656 | 2,695 | 55 | 5 | 4,411 |
| AVG WT | 15.28 | 36.78 | 24.11 | 30.03 | 28.54 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,512 | 2,504 | 55 | 10 | 4,081 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,860 | 2,717 | 18 | 20 | 4,615 |
| AVG WT | 16.06 | 37.28 | 25.12 | 37.97 | 28.65 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 7,924 | 12,476 | 273 | 52 | 20,725 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 8,216 | 12,579 | 174 | 36 | 21,005 |

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 FEBRUARY 2003.

The undertone on tom breast meat was steady at best. Demand was slow to moderate. Offerings ranged adequate to ample. The undertone on bulk parts ranged from steady on 2-joint wings to barely steady at best on the balance of items. Demand ranged light to instances fair with best interest noted into export channels. Offerings of bulk parts were light on 2-joint wings, adequate to ample on the balance of items. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen tom breast meat from current production and on a light volume of fresh tom breast meat. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums and on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat. Balance light.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | 93.00 | | 93.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | W | 145.00 | 14 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | W | 89.00 | 200 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | W | 18.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | F | 17.67 | 60 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 17.00 | | 17.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | W | 18.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | W | 17.00 | 40 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | T | 22.43 | 14 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | R | 54.00 | 40 |
| NECKS, TOM | 12.00-15.00 | | 13.73 | 84 |
| NECKS, HEN | 13.00 | | 13.00 | 20 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 105.00 | | 105.00 | 600 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 110.00-113.00 | | 110.29 | 310 |
| THIGH MEAT | | T | 52.00 | 8 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | 55.00 | | 55.00 | 30 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | W | 62.00 | 40 |
| TENDERLOINS | | F | 100.00 | 40 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | | W | 115.00 | 36 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | R | 44.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | | W | 17.00 | 40 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 15.00-17.50 | | 16.20 | 512 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 20.00 | | 20.00 | 104 |
| TAILS | | W | 18.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | W | 15.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 40.50-60.00 | | 45.27 | 432 |

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 FEBRUARY 2003.

The undertone on breast meat was cautious and current trading levels were seen as a possible floor to the market. Bulk meats and parts offers declined due to sellers wary of buyers low counter bids. Supplies were adequate on all items. Fresh wing meat sold in a range of 42 to 44 cents. Export activity was very light. Hand defatted gizzards traded at 48.5 cents delivered port.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | LST CDE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) | WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE | WEEKLY VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | R | 93.00 | 40 | 94.43 | 840 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | W | 145.00 | 14 | 145.00 | 14 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | 88.00 | | 88.00 | 80 | 88.71 | 280 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | 17.00 | | 17.00 | 40 | 17.50 | 80 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | 18.00 | | 18.00 | 40 | 18.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | R | 17.00 | 40 | 17.00 | 120 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 15.00-16.00 | | 15.30 | 229 | 15.70 | 269 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | W | 17.00 | 40 | 17.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | T | 22.43 | 14 | 21.74 | 54 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | | | | | | |
| NECKS, TOM | 12.50-13.00 | | 12.81 | 64 | 12.90 | 308 |
| NECKS, HEN | | R | 13.00 | 20 | 13.00 | 60 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | | R | 105.00 | 600 | 103.85 | 780 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 113.00 | | 113.00 | 20 | 110.24 | 750 |
| THIGH MEAT | | T | 52.00 | 8 | 52.00 | 8 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | | R | 55.00 | 30 | 55.73 | 110 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | | | | | | |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | W | 62.00 | 40 | 60.00 | 120 |
| TENDERLOINS | | F | 100.00 | 40 | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | | | | | | |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | 115.00 | | 115.00 | 12 | 115.00 | 48 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 15.00-17.00 | | 16.20 | 100 | 16.43 | 140 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | R | 16.20 | 512 | 16.51 | 659 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 15.50 | | 15.50 | 40 | 14.85 | 563 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | R | 20.00 | 104 | 20.00 | 104 |
| TAILS | | W | 18.00 | 40 | 18.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | W | 15.00 | 40 | 15.00 | 40 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | R | 45.27 | 432 | 46.24 | 672 |

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